Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*) : May I know Sir. whether during these 3 years there was not difficulty to get sufficient number of films ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. There were difficulties to get films.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*) : So the amount that is shown here is the smallest amount that they get through these source.

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say that.

Mr. M. I. Paul (*Narakkal*) : May I know, whether the work in the laboratory is as risky as in the X-Ray department ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : I do not think it is more risky.

Mr. M. I. Paul (*Narakkal*) : What is the work in the laboratory ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : Examination of sputum, blood, urine and other things ?

Mr. M. I. Paul (*Narakkal*) : Of so many dangerous diseases ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Irinjalakkuda*) : Sir, in answer to question (c) it has been mentioned 50 per cent of the collection from the X-ray department in distributed as remunaration to the Radiographic staff. May I know what will be the approximate amount each one will be getting per month

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : The figures are given there in answer to (*f*).

SECRETARY, LAND MORTGAGE BANK—CASUAL LEAVE

295. Mr. C. R Iyyunni (*Nellayi*) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the authority to whom the application for casual leave of the Secretary, Land Mortgage Bank, is to be sent ;

(*b*) is there a rule regarding the same ;

(*c*) if so, is the rule strictly adhered to ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) None.

(*b*) The rule is that Heads of Deparments can avail themselves of casual leave and send half-yearly statement of the leave availed of to the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Nellayi*) : May I know Sir, whether the Secretary of the Land Mortgage Bank is considered to be a Head of Department ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. He is given the status of a Head of Department.

ARTICLE IN THE "MALABAR MAIL" DATED 6th MITHUNAM 1121

296. Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if they have seen the article in the "Malabar Mail" dated 6th Mithunam 1121 "കരിഞ്ചന്തയ്ക്ക് കരിഞ്ചന്തയോ";

(*b*) if they have made any enpuiry into the allegations mentioned in the article ;

(*c*) if so, what was the result of the enquiry ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation.

(*c*) The matter is under investigation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*) : What is this matter, Sir? This blackmarket within blackmarket!

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*) : On 28th Edavam 1121 some of the Field Staff suspected some of the Travancoreans carrying paddy across the border. The Field Officer there went and called for the help of some local men to square them. They all came and tried to catch them. It appears other people went to the rescue of these Travancoreans and therefore the field men were not able to catch them. Subsequently it appears that some of the local people wanted to suppress this matter, by raising money from the persons concerned. These were the allegations. The matter is being enquired into.

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